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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3108)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the minimum amount of instructional time
2 accredited schools are required to provide.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 3, Code 2003, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 3. a. The board of directors of a school district may
1 4 request approval from the department of education for a pilot
1 5 program for an innovative school year. The number of days per
1 6 year that school is in session may be more or less than those
1 7 specified in subsection 1, but the innovative school year
1 8 shall provide for an equivalent number of total hours that
1 9 school is in session.
1 10 b. The board shall file a request for approval with the
1 11 department not later than November 1 of the preceding school
1 12 year. The request shall detail the educational, financial,
1 13 social, or other benefits the school district expects to
1 14 achieve through the pilot program. The request shall include
1 15 a listing of the savings and goals to be attained under the
1 16 innovative school year subject to rules adopted by the
1 17 department under chapter 17A. The department shall notify the
1 18 districts of the approval or denial of pilot programs not
1 19 later than the next following January 15.
1 20 c. A request to continue an innovative school year pilot
1 21 project after its initial year also shall include an
1 22 evaluation of the savings and impacts on the educational
1 23 program in the district.
1 24 d. Participation in a pilot project shall not modify
1 25 provisions of a master contract negotiated between a school
1 26 district and a certified bargaining unit pursuant to chapter
1 27 20 unless mutually agreed upon.
1 28 e. The department shall approve not more than ten
1 29 innovative school year pilot program requests per school year.
1 30 This paragraph is repealed effective June 30, 2007.
1 31 Sec. 2. INSTRUCTIONAL TIME. Annually, for a period of
1 32 three years, the department of education shall conduct a
1 33 survey of school districts to compile data regarding the
1 34 amount of total scheduled instructional hours per day provided
1 35 at the elementary, junior high or middle school, and high
2 1 school levels pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 19, and
2 2 section 279.10, subsection 1. The department shall submit a
2 3 report containing the summarized data, along with its findings
2 4 and recommendations to the general assembly by January 15.
2 5 Reports submitted in 2006 and 2007 shall compare results of
2 6 school districts implementing, during the previous school
2 7 year, financially based innovative school years with school
2 8 districts not under financially based innovative school years.
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